

Flashes of Fun.

Victim—"Well, if you are killed you won't be able to talk any more, and if I am killed I can't hear you. So I guess we'd better stay."

—Man gives advice as a doctor gives physic—not because he has taken it himself but as an experiment.

—Baby was sent to a neighbor's to find her brother. Presently she returned without him, and said: "He wasn't there, there wasn't anybody there, on'y some men peelin' sheep."

—One of the Lynn primary-school teachers a few days ago asked her scholars the question: "What is dust?" One little fellow answered: "Pleas, marm, it is dirt with the water squeezed out."

—He was looking for a rich wife and thought he was on the trail. "I love you," he said, "more than I can tell you in words." "You'd better try figures," she replied, coldly; for she was not so old as she looked.

—A grand father, coming to read his paper, found that he had mislaid his spectacles, and thereupon declared, "I've lost my glasses somewhere and can't read the paper. A little 3½ year old girl, desiring to assist him, answered: 'G'an'pa, you go outside and look froo ze window and I'll hold ze paper up so you can read it.'"

—Teacher—"Johnnie, do you know the nature of an oath?"

Johnnie—"Yes'm. It is something a man gives when he wants to be believed."

Teacher—"That's right. Now let us have it illustrated. Suppose your father should swear to your mother that he would be at home at 10 o'clock in the evening. Where would he be at that hour?"

Johnnie—"In Tim Doogan's bar-room."

—Judge—The officer says you were drunk last night and fell down on the street. Can you explain that little matter?"

Prisoner (with dignity)—"The cause of my fall, your honor, was not attributable to liquor, but to circumstances over which I had no control."

Judge (in surprise)—"What circumstances do you allude to?"

Prisoner (sadly)—"My legs, your honor."

THE YOUNG REPORTER.

"What's this?" the morning editor and proprietor inquired, as his critical eye swept the new young reporter's copy, and rested on an item at the bottom of the page. The new young reporter, with a tremble in his voice, slowly read: "Hezekiah W. Buckley's old plug got across a picket fence yesterday, and the hired man had to hit him in the head with an axe." "That never will do at all," said the managing editor, severely, and drawing his pen deftly through the obnoxious item he wrote on the margin below: "We regret to say that a valuable horse belonging to Hezekiah W. Buckley, Esq., met with a severe accident last week, necessitating putting the noble animal out of the way, which was done as gently and considerately as possible." "But, sir," expostulated the new young reporter, gasping slightly, "the horse wasn't worth more than \$60." "That isn't the point," the managing editor returned firmly. "The point is to retain Buckley's influence with the county board. By the time you've run a country paper as long as I have, young man, you'll understand that nothing but a valuable horse ever dies." And when the paper came out Mr. Buckley called in and had ten extra copies done up in wrappers.

STEWED STEAK.

In a small saucepan place about half a pound of thick and tender steak, with a little of the fat left on. Pour in a cupful of boiling water, shred a tiny onion very finely and season with pepper and salt to taste. Then put all over the top of the steak small pieces of celery heaped up. The saucepan should stand about two inches above the level of the fire, and by no means ought to be uncovered until the steak is to be removed to the dish. Half an hour is sufficient time for it to be done to a turn. Mushrooms instead of, or even with, the celery are an improvement.

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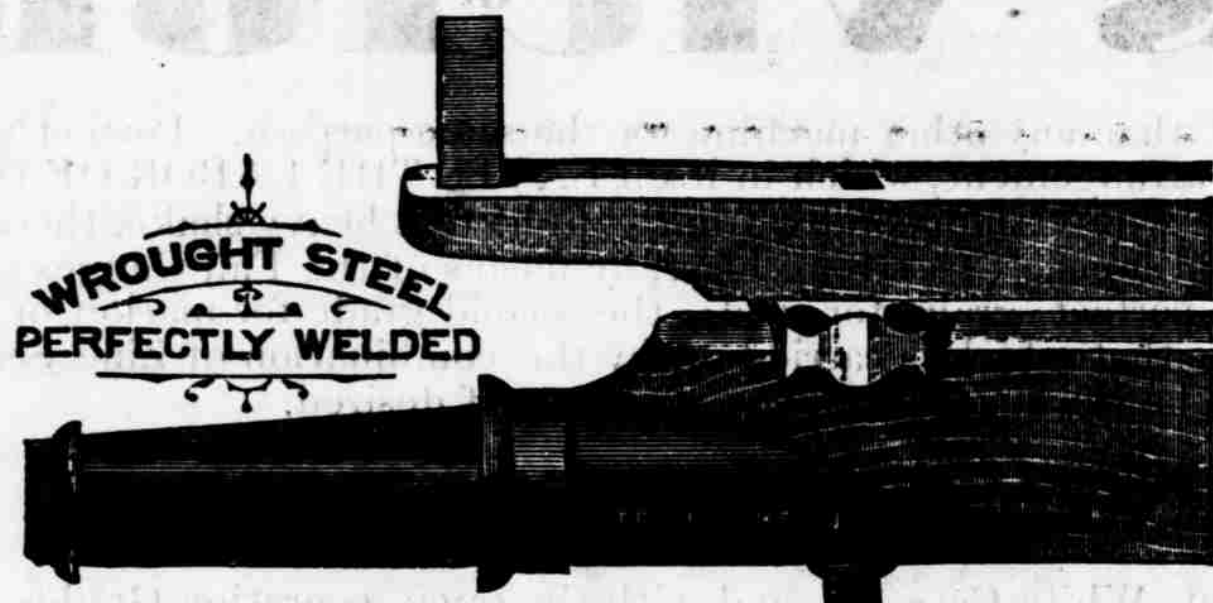
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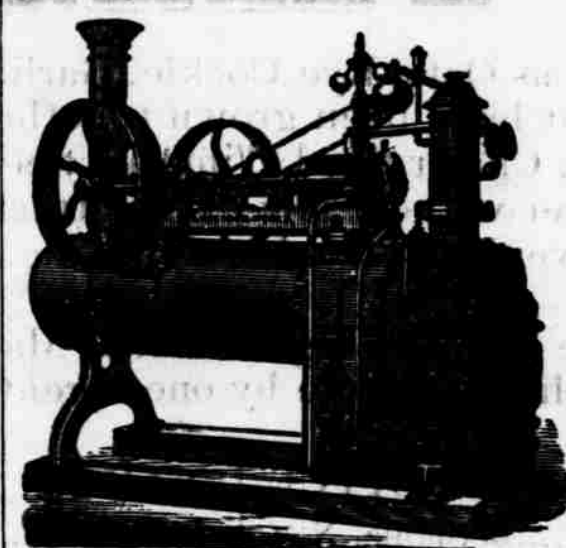
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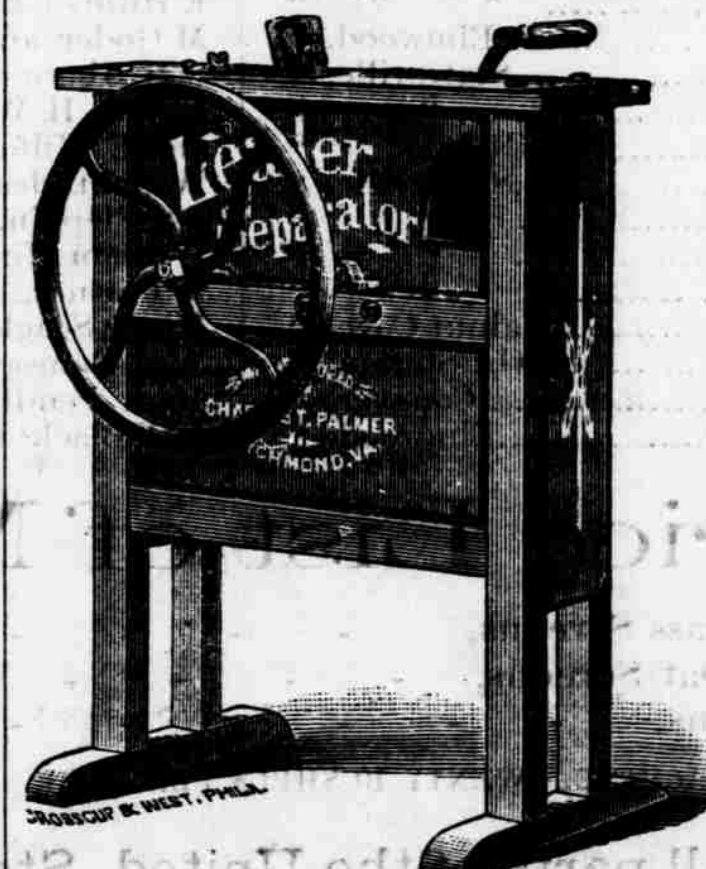
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